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New synthetic methods have been developed for the preparation of polyphosphazenes that contain transition metals as part of the side group structure. Short chain phosphazenes have also been investigated as models for the high polymers.

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A. Summary of Research Progress

Our objectives were to synthesize new high polymers based on a backbone of phosphorus-nitrogen repeating units, and to understand the relationship between structure and properties in order to design polymers that may be of practical value. Four areas have been explored. Three of these involve the development of synthetic methods for the preparation of polyphosphazenes that bear transition metals in the side group structure.

We have synthesized the first cyclophosphazenes that bear metals as major components of the side group structure, linked to the skeleton by phosphorus-metal bonds. These species contain units of the type $-N=P(Fe_2Cp_2(CO_3))-$ in which Fe-Fe bonds are also present. The analogous di-ruthenium and iron-ruthenium analogues have also been isolated. These compounds are models for a broad range of high polymers that could have unusual catalytic or electrical properties.

A second method of metal binding is via aryloxyphosphazenes that bear pendent phosphine groups attached to the side groups. These polymers serve as carriers for iron, rhodium, or osmium organometallic species. They function as polymer-bound catalysts.

Third, phosphazenes with pendent propynyl groups form pi-complexes with cobalt carbonyl species. These complexes are also of interest as catalysts. All three of the metallophosphazenes studies show promise as metallo-polymer surface coatings.

Finally, we have attempted to understand the underlying connection between the properties of phosphazenes and their molecular structure by the synthesis of a number of linear short-chain phosphazene the mimic the reactivity of the high polymers and also are amenable to a diffraction studies that are difficult or impossible to carry out with the high polymers.

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